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Greg and Dianne,

This is important. It is going to impact us for a very long time. It needs some time and thought. Members of the Management Board are going to have to solicit input from their respective staff and their members of the WQGIT. With this in mind, I would like to strongly suggest that one week is not enough time, especially since the staff most impacted by this are all probably focused on finalizing our respective Phase 3 WIPs. Can we please have at least another week, two weeks would be better.

I would also suggest this warrants discussion as a future agenda item for a conference call with the WQGIT. The WQGIT has the lead for the Phase 3 WIP. Before the Milestone Workgroup moves forward with any major work activity, I would suggest input on direction be a subject of the WQGIT. If you believe the Management Board needs to weigh in, perhaps a better approach would be to have the WQGIT provide recommendations for a future direction to the Management Board.

What do you think?

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Dear Jurisdictional and Federal members of the Management Board,

We are seeking your input as we look ahead to the next round of two-year Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load TMDL milestones (2020-2021). Specifically, we are interested in hearing from both state and federal agency Management Board members regarding the development of product(s) to help guide the milestone process through 2025. Your input into this process is critical.

Please click on the following link to register your wishes for support products

(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P6CPT2G>)

OR reply to me (only) with your responses. All responses are requested no later than COB, Wednesday, July 24.

Which of the following documents would be helpful to you in preparing for the 2020-2021 two-year milestones?

- A. An updated **milestone guide** to reflect changes to the process made by the CBP partnership since 2011.
- B. An updated **milestone submission and evaluation schedule** (i.e., an update to Appendix A of the 2011 Guide and the schedule discussed at the December 2018 WQGIT meeting).
- C. **No product needed**. The existing CBP partnership information is adequate to guide the milestone process through 2025.

Based on your input, the Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's Milestone Workgroup will reconvene as needed to either develop an updated milestone guide or schedule to assist states and federal agencies with the process for submission and evaluation of the two-year milestones.

Background

As you may recall, in 2008 the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership's Executive Council agreed to establish 2-year milestones to accelerate the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. In addition, Executive Order 13508 (2009) and the subsequent Executive Order Strategy (2010) directed federal agencies to, among other things, establish 2-year milestones to support the states in meeting their water quality milestones. EPA's 2010 Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) memorialized the CBP partnership's agreement for states to establish 2-year milestones which EPA would evaluate as part of the TMDL accountability framework.

In 2011, EPA developed a Guide for Chesapeake Bay Water Quality Two-year Milestones to describe the process for both states and federal agencies to submit the numeric and programmatic milestones and for EPA to evaluate the milestones.

Since 2011, the CBP partnership has made much progress in achieving its restoration goals by finalizing the 2014 Bay Agreement, conducting the Chesapeake Bay TMDL mid-point assessment and developing Phase II and III Watershed Implementation Plans. The Water Quality Goal Implementation Team's Milestone Workgroup met in late 2017 to discuss a revision to the 2011 guide, however, that revision was not finalized.

Thanks for your help.

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